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THE NEXT MEETING IS SUNDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2004 AT 10:00 AM,
GREATER MIAMI JEWISH
FEDERATION BUILDING
4200 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33137

WELCOME

To new member, Brother George T. E. Birne, a retired firefighter with NYFD

To new member and Brother Norman Grossman, a retired firefighter with NYFD

To new associate member and Brother Rene “Tony” Penas, President of RRR Security and Consulting

To new associate member and Brother Prinston Stern of Virtual Protective Services, Inc.

To new member and Brother Andy Dixon. Andy is a sergeant with Miami-Dade Police Department at the Airport District.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shalom:

Hello to all of my brothers, sisters and friends of the Shomrim Society. It was just 3 short weeks ago when I was sworn in as President. In that time, so many things have happened. We had the National Shomrim Annual Convention at the beautiful Marco Polo hotel on Sunny Isles Beach. This year was the best run Shomrim convention that I have ever attended. The facilities were the best that we have had at a convention, and the training was top notch. I would like to thank the members and friends of the South Florida Shomrim Society, the host chapter.

South Florida Shomrim has been the host chapter for the past 4 years. Under Steve Leibowitz's leadership, dedication and wisdom, this convention has improved steadily over the past 4 years. The teamwork, comradery, and friendships between our members are outstanding. It is due to the hard work, and willingness of our members to go the extra mile that ensures the success of the convention, for this I am grateful and it reflects positively on our chapter.

Many if you know that I supported and nominated Steve Leibowitz for the National Shomrim Presidency. Steve is our brother, and my very good friend. Steve has taken our chapter from a stagnant social club to a well-respected force in the public safety arena. Our membership has steadily grown and our charitable contributions are the highest we have ever given in the history of South Florida. For these reasons, and many others, I decided to humbly nominate Steve for the national post.

Unfortunately, we lost and Art Krinsky won the position. The vote was a 7 to 7 tie. South Florida Shomrim Brother David Waksman, outgoing National President, cast the tie-breaking vote. That speaks volumes for the members of his local chapter.

I have known Mr. Krinsky for the past 4 years or so. He is a decent respectable individual, who in my opinion will do a good job as the National President. My problem was with the process and the discussions that took place at the national meeting where the voting took place.

Mr. Krinsky is a retired Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He specializes in training and is currently employed by FLETC in Georgia as a Senior Instructor. I believe Mr. Krinsky is also employed by Fulton County Georgia Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer.

According to the national's by-laws, you have to be a full time sworn police officer to hold the position of National President or 1st Vice-President. Mr. Krinsky brought two associate members from Fulton Georgia, and gave one of them his proxy to vote. I know in South Florida, non-Jewish members are associates, and they are non-voting members. The event in itself totally amazed me. I raised my hand in a polite and respectful way to challenge their credibility and Mr. Krinsky's credentials to hold national office. Needless to say they tried to silence me, and they could not care that they violated the National's constitution and by-laws. Basically, they suspended the constitution.

This sad turn of events was embarrassing, and unbecoming of a Shomrim Member. I wish Mr. Krinsky good wishes, and I hope he mends the broken fences that were left after the voting.

Be well and I hope to see you at our next Meeting.

Gregg Glasel, President
South Florida Shomrim Society

The 2004 National Conference of Shomrim Societies Convention and Seminar Series (In Review)

The Convention kicked off with the host Chapter (our own South Florida) meeting and greeting everyone that was checking in on Wednesday. Schedules, ID name tags, and a list of the events was circulated. Wednesday nights dinner started off the long weekend of good food supplied by “Asher”, a Glatt Kosher caterer. The reception started around 8:00 pm and was attended by close to 100 people. Introductions were made by the Convention Committee Chairman (and Southeast Regional VP) Steve Leibowitz. The invocation was given by Rabbi Pinchas Weberman, Spiritual Advisor for the South Florida Chapter. When all was done there, the National Board of Directors (outgoing) met at about 9:30 pm.

Thursday was a busy day. Registration for the seminar series got underway very early. There were attendees from more than a dozen Shomrim Chapters, the Transportation Security Administration, the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, many local, State, and Federal officers, and other invited guests. Seating was set for 80 and there were very few empty seats. The speakers were all well prepared and kept the audience’s attention. Lunch and Dinner were both filling. Thursday night was the General Membership meeting and elections for National’s offices.

Friday continued in the same direction as Thursday. The seminars were presented to the crowd of attendees. The food was excellent. Services were conducted in the Hotel for Sabbath. Shabbat dinner began (early) with a wine tasting and seminar on wines..

Saturday began with Sabbath services and the continuation of the seminar series. Again, the presenters were outstanding and the response from the attendees was positive. The surprise meal of the convention took place after Sabbath on Saturday as we were treated to a n informal meal which consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken breasts, and all the sides. It was a nice, casual chance for us all to meet and chat informally at a meal.

Sunday’s breakfast was the last meal and such it had to be complete with bagels and lox! Many of us said our goodbyes until next years conference—wherever and whenever it might be.

The facilities this year were wonderful. A newer, modern, non-moldy hotel near the Rascal House, Wolfies, the Aventura Mall and more. The beach was clean and un-crowded and the on-site restaurants, bars and shops offered something for everyone. If you weren’t happy here.....

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Chairman: Barry Mankes

Members: Helen Baimel, Beverly Morshenson, Nancy Wolff

The Committee has been begun their preparations for the 2004 "MACHN A PICNIK" at CB Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Florida. A possible date of APRIL 10, 2005 has been suggested.

Cars are also for sale with a variety of police logos.

Embroidered shirts, and hats are on sale. New South Florida Shomrim badge/pins are available, too. All proceeds go into the South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Fund

CHARITY AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Irv Heller

Steve Leibowitz

The Committee is going to reviewed all the donations made in 2004 and made suggestions for continuing those, changing the amounts, or adding or deleting recipients.

If you have any thoughts regarding charities, please make them know to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Michael Bentolila

Members: Steve Kaufman, Ken Goodman, Frank Piloto, Steve Leibowitz

The Committee continues to put together the monthly Newsletter. The Web site was updated thanks to Steve Kaufman.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Louis Bornstein

Members: Irv Heller, Ben Alter, Gary Unger, John Walenda

Five new members joined this month

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Michelle Sabag

Members: *TBA*

Scholarship Committee will be idle until next year

SPECIAL THANKS

**FOR HELP WITH THE
2004 NATIONAL SHOMRIM CONVENTION**

**GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING SOUTH FLORIDA
SHOMRIM SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Ronnie Ackerman

Louis Bornstein

Benjamin Furer

Gregg Glasel

Steve Kaufman

William Kramer

Randy Meshel

Harvey Meshel

Steve Leibowitz

Elliott Lipson

Barry Mankes

John Walenda

Rhonda Walenda

Candy Wisotski

All of these members spent time either manning the various desks, selling South Florida items, setting up, breaking down, or running errands. Without their assistance, National Shomrim's Convention would not have come off so well.

THANK YOU ALL!

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2005 DUES**

SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY
CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2004

The Simon Wiesenthal Center
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
The Zeiff Jewish Museum
The Museum of Tolerance
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Passover
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Chanukah
Ohev Shalom Senior Fund - For Rosh Hashana
Jewish War Veterans
Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Police Officers Assistance Trust
Dade County Police Benevolent Assn Love Fund
Broward County PBA Hope Fund
The Hebrew Academy
Machina School
South Florida Shomrim Society Scholarship Fund
Miami Beach Guild for the Blind
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Parents of Murdered Children
Temple Hatikva (Homestead)
Temple Torah (Delray)
The National Conference of Shomrim Societies
Unity Golf Classic
American Heart Association
Leukemia society
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DUES ARE DUE FOR 2005

**THIS YEAR'S DUES ARE \$36 OR
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“MACHN A PIKNIK”

South Florida Shomrim

Society 2005 Picnic

Sunday, April 10, 2005

CB Smith Park

**Flamingo Road and Pines Boulevard
Pembroke Pines, Florida (Broward Co.)**

11:00 am—4:00 pm

Kosher BBQ (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken)

Catered by Weberman's Traditional Foods

No Charge for Members and Friends

Your cost: \$1 per person to get into the Park

Featuring: Children's Playground; Volleyball, Baseball; Bounce House; Fishing; Boat Rental; Bike Rental (or bring your own to ride); Socializing

PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND. WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT TO ORDER ENOUGH FOOD. CALL US AT 305-302-4300 or

305-219-4235; E-MAIL US: dsg44@aol.com,
jmld1@aol.com OR leibotrio@bellsouth.net

OR WRITE US AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY, 4200 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, MIAMI, FL

THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION IN THE

JANUARY IS FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH

WHY FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH? Florida's greatest asset is the people. Jews have actively participated in shaping Florida's destiny.

SOME CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY JEWS TO FLORIDA'S DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Jews have been a significant part of the development of our State since 1763**, which is the 1st year that Jews were *allowed* to live (as Jews) in Florida. Since Florida was owned by Spain from 1513, it was “for Catholics only.” The 1st Jews settled in Pensacola in 1763 after the Treaty of Paris was signed that turned Florida over from Spain to England.
2. Today, **16% of the American Jewish community lives in Florida.** Our State hosts the nation's 3rd largest Jewish community (after NY and CA) at 850,000. South Florida has the 2nd largest concentration of Jews in the world, after Israel, at 15%
3. A Jew, **David Levy Yulee, is know as the “architect” of Florida Statehood.** As a territorial delegate in 1841, he went to the US Congress to argue for Statehood. In 1845 when Florida became the 27th State, he was the 1st Senator to serve in Washington. He was the 1st Jew to serve in Congress. He developed Florida's cross-state railroad. Levy County and Yulee in Nassau County were named to honor him.
4. David Yulee's father, **Moses Levy**, came to Florida in 1819 and bought 92,000 acres where he started a Jewish colony named Micanopy. **Moses Levy was one of the earliest and largest developers** in Florida

5. More than 100 Jewish families have been identified who have lived in Florida over 100 years. The Dzia lynski family came to Jacksonville by 1850; is still there—still Jewish. There were six Jewish congregations before the 20th century; today there are more than 300.
6. Floridian Jews have served on local, county, state and federal levels as politicians and in many public capacities. Richard Stone served as Florida's Secretary of State then US Senator (1974-1980); David Sholtz was governor (1933-1937); State Senator Gwen Margolis became the nation's 1st woman State Senate President.
7. Jews have served in Florida in all the wars. Fort Myers is named for Colonel Abram Myers, a Jewish West Point graduate who was the quartermaster for the for in the Indian wars during the mid-1800's. Jacksonville's Admiral Ellis Zacharias, Chief of Naval Intelligence during WWII, helped break the Japanese code in 1941 that resulted in victory in the Pacific
8. A Jew founded the Florida Cattlemen's Association (Saul Snyder of St. Augustine); Marshall Nirenberg, an Orlando Jew and graduate of the University of Florida in 1948, received the Nobel prize in Medicine in 1968 for breaking the genetic code.
9. **For nearly 250 years, Jews have lived in Florida and maintained their heritage.** Jews represent one immigrant group in our multicultural State. The JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA opened in 1995 in a restored Art Deco synagogue on South Beach.



SOUTH FLORIDA SHOMRIM SOCIETY COLLARED SHIRTS \$15, BLUE OR WHITE. BADGES \$8 HATS \$6.

MITZVAH CARDS AVAILABLE!!!

Let South Florida Shomrim help you send **New Years greetings, congratulations to family and friends, or any special message you want to send.** We have begun sending Mitzvah Cards out. Your message will be printed on a folding 6X9 card that bears the badge and name of the South Florida Shomrim Society and mailed in an envelope whose back flap has the same logos. Any donation you wish to make is placed into our Scholarship Fund and there is no set (or required) donation. Call Steve 305-238-4004 (leave a message) or 305-219-4235 for more information.

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